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WARMEST JANUARY DAY IN LONDON

London has recorded its warmest January day on record in the last hour. The previous record at The Met. Office's Heathrow airport site was 15.0 °C on 9 January last year, and at our London Weather Centre site was 15.2 °C on 10 January 1971. Both these figures have been exceeded in the last hour.

However, the current mild spell won't last much longer in southern Britain.

Met. Office forecasters are warning of significantly colder weather by the weekend.

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